

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending. Claims 1-31 and 43-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(a) as being anticipated by DuPuis, What You See Is What Test: A Methodology for Testing Form-Based Visual Programs", 4-1998. Claims 32-42 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Reconsideration is requested. No new matter is added. The rejections are traversed. Claims 32-42 are canceled. Claims 56-67 are added. Claims 1-31 and 43-67 remain in the case for consideration.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

Claims 1-31 and 43-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(a) as being anticipated by DuPuis, What You See Is What Test: A Methodology for Testing Form-Based Visual Programs", 4-1998. Attached are affidavits from the three inventors under 37 C.F.R. 1.131, that the invention was made prior to the publication date of the article. In support of the affidavits, the Applicant notes that all three inventors are named as co-authors of the DuPuis article, and that the invention must have been made before the publication date of the article, or else the authors could not have written about the invention.

Also attached is an affidavit from the fourth author of the DuPuis article, Mr. Christopher DuPuis. Mr. DuPuis acknowledges that he is not a co-inventor, and that the three named inventors are the only inventors of the patent application. Accordingly, the DuPuis article should not be available under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), and the claims are allowable over DuPuis.

Applicant respectfully submits that each of the Examiner's rejections has been overcome and that this Application is in condition for allowance. Such is respectfully requested.

If any questions remain, please call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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